



NDA 19-643/S-069

Merck & Co., Inc.  
Attention: Michael Elia, Ph.D., DABT  
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Dear Dr. Elia:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated September 14, 2001, received September 18, 2001, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Mevacor (lovastatin) Tablets.

This supplemental new drug application provides for replacement of the previous version of the National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) Guidelines Table 3 with the updated NCEP Adult Treatment Panel (ATPIII) Guidelines Table 5 and an additional paragraph in the INDICATIONS AND USAGE section of the package insert.

We have completed the review of this supplemental application and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug product is safe and effective for use as recommended in the agreed upon labeling text. Accordingly, the supplemental application is approved effective on the date of this letter.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the submitted draft labeling (package insert submitted September 14, 2001).

Please submit the copies of final printed labeling (FPL) electronically according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format - NDA* (January 1999). Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available but no more than 30 days after it is printed. Please individually mount ten of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated "FPL for approved supplement NDA 19-643/S-069." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

If a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter) is issued to physicians and others responsible for patient care, we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH, HF-2  
FDA  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857

We remind you that you must comply with the requirements for an approved NDA set forth under 21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81.

If you have any questions, call Margaret Simoneau, R.Ph., Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-6411.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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